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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1943.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

- (a) Medical Officer of Health:-
C.L. Broomhead, M.D., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.,
at present serving with H. M. Forces.
R.D. Gray, M.D., D.P.H., temporary Officer
from July 1943.
- (b) Sanitary Inspector:-
S.F. French, Sanitary Inspector's Certificate, R.S.I.,
Meat and other Foods Inspector's Certificate, R.S.I.

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To the Chairman and Members of Chippenham Town Council,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the absence of your permanent Officer, I have the honour to present a short Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1943. As explained previously, it is intended to issue after the cessation of hostilities a comprehensive report dealing with all the war years. The present report is therefore considerably curtailed and reference to many subjects has been deliberately postponed.

I beg to record once again my gratitude for the invaluable assistance afforded to me on all occasions by Mr. French.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. D. GRAY. M.D., D.P.H.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	1,197.
Population (1943)	12,990.
No. of inhabited houses (end of 1943, according to Rate Books)	3,637.
Rateable Value	£75,554.
Sum represented by penny rate	£301.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1943.

	Total	M	F	cf. E & W
Live Births - Legitimate	246	121	125	
Illegitimate	14	4	10	
Birth rate (per 1000 resident population)	20.0			(16.5)
Still Births	7	3	4	
Still Birth rate (per 1000 ~~population~~ ^{TOTAL BIRTHS})	26.2			
Deaths	138	68	70	
Death rate (per 1000 population)	10.6			(12.1)
Deaths from Puerperal causes:				
Puerperal sepsis	0			
Other Puerperal causes	1			
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year:				
All infants per 1000 live births	23.1			(49)
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	20.3			
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	71.4			
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	20			
" " Measles (all ages)	0			
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	0			
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0			

	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939
Deaths from Influenza	8	0	5	5	1
" " Respiratory Diseases (21,22,23)	10	18	13	23	10
" " Diseases of Heart and Blood Vessels (18,19,20)	52	47	62	51	50

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)
DURING THE YEAR 1943.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases notified</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	26	21	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	0	0
Pneumonia	9	2	4
Erysipelas	3	2	0
Typhoid Fever	1*	1	0
Poliomyelitis	1	1	0
Whooping Cough	14	1	0
Measles	83	1	0
Dysentery	1	1	0

* not confirmed.

TUBERCULOSIS.
NEW CASES AND MORTALITY.

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
0								
1								
5		1	2	1				
15	1	3						
25	1	1	1		1			
35	3							
45	1				1			
55	2	1			3			
65 & upwards							1	
Totals	8	6	3	1	5	-	1	-